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MR. ABERNETHY IN ASHEVILLE

Preached Strong Sermon Sunday on the Problem of Sin.

Asheville Times, Monday. Before an audience that filled both the church and the Sunday school room almost to their capacity, Rev. J. E. Abernethy, who has been conducting revival services at Central Church for the past week, delivered a strong sermon on "The Problem of Sin," at Central Methodist church last night.

He spoke in part as follows: "There is a system of morals which teaches that sin has no reality. It only exists in the imagination. But common sense and scripture teach that the history of sin is just as true as the history of virtue. A course of conduct that blights and blasts character is just as real as a course of conduct which beautifies, enlarges and strengthens character. The history of Nero is just as true as the history of Christ. Nothing is more positive, nothing is more active than sin. It is a revolting instinct. It submits to no authority. It disregards reason and conscience. It denies responsibility and defies Almighty God."

"Man does not like this word. He hates the doctrine that calls him a sinner. He wants the very name of sin eliminated from all creeds and banished from all vocabularies. He gladly accepts the theory that sin is only a delusion. He loves the theology that dresses it as an angel of light. The absence of the sense of sin is the greatest peril of modern society."

"There is a system of philosophy which teaches that a man is like a young oak that has been transplanted into a desert. His growth has been arrested. There is nothing wrong with him but a stunted condition; hence he needs nothing but a better environment. But the word of God teaches that man is not suffering from arrested development, but from development in the wrong direction. The wicked flourishes as the green bay tree. He is not a scrub pine on a bleak mountain crag, or a black-jack on a sandhill. He is like a fruit tree growing in a rich soil, a tree that is suffering from a deadly blight. Man's chief trouble is not with his environment but with himself. The heart is deceitful above all things, and desperately wicked."

"There is a system of philosophy which teaches that when man fell he fell upward. But the truth is when Adam sinned he fell like Newton's apple, not upward but downward. When he took the forbidden fruit he did not move toward God, he moved away from God and hid himself. Ever since he has been trying to hid from God. Disobedience did not make Adam a better citizen of Eden. It drove him entirely out of Paradise. Sin is not an ascension toward an ideal; it is descension toward death and perdition."

"These false teachers say that sin is nothing but the shavings in the carpenter's shop, the chips that fall from the sculptor's chisel. But the truth is, sin is that which keeps the lumber out of the hand of the carpenter. It is that which destroys the material that was intended for a palace. It is that which mars and rends the marble out of which the Master intended to carve an angelic form."

"Some one says 'Why do you call me a sinner? I am a gentleman.' Well a crazy man is not insane because he is out there in the street raving like a wild animal. That is one manifestation of mental derangement. He is insane because reason is dethroned. In like manner man is a sinner not because of his bad habits, but because the love of God does not occupy the throne of his heart. Self-will has the place that ought to be occupied by the Divine will. Whether he commits evil deeds or not, every man is a sinner and condemned before God until Jesus Christ takes the supreme place in his heart."

"Sin is a question between the soul and God. Ethics can not touch it. No man can deal with sin without dealing with God. The case is too big for anything but the highest court in the universe. In the presence of a fallen soul science is dumb and philosophy is powerless. The case must be taken to the court where Jehovah is Judge."

"Jesus says, 'I am the way, the truth and the life; no man cometh unto the Father but by me.' There is salvation in no other, for there is no other name under heaven given among men whereby we must be saved. Man's hope and his only hope is through repentance toward God and faith in the Lord Jesus Christ."

The revival services will continue through this week, and Rev. Mr. Abernethy will preach each afternoon at 3:30 o'clock and each night at 7:30 o'clock. One of the features of the meetings is the choir and congregational singing lead by D. Ward Milan, of Atlanta.

Made Good.

The busy editor of the leading paper in a Wisconsin town was called to the telephone and informed that one of the town's most prominent citizens had just died suddenly. He called a reporter and told him to rush out and get the story.

Fifteen minutes later the reporter returned, sat down at his desk, and began to rattle off copy on his typewriter.

"Well, what about it?" questioned the editor.

"Oh, nothing much," replied the reporter. "He was walking along the street when suddenly he clasped his hands to his heart and said: 'I'm going to die!' Then he leaned up against the fence and made good."

THE SANCTITY OF THE HOME

Rev. Mr. White Tells of the Conditions That Should Exist - What Parents Must Do For Their Children.

"The Sanctity of the Home" was the subject of Rev. L. M. White's sermon Sunday evening at First Baptist church. Incidentally Mr. White mentioned the feeling of good fellowship existing among the various denominations in our town, and welcomed those present from other churches in the absence of their own pastors.

Mr. White's text was the 17th verse of the 21st chapter of Matthew: "And he left them and went out of the city of Bethany; and he lodged there." "The three greatest words in any language," Mr. White said, "are mother, home and Heaven. The foundations laid in the homes of our forefathers, with the Bible for their only text book, is the reason for Americanism, which we hear so much about today. The President and leaders of our country came from Christian homes, where they were trained by Christian parents around the family altar." He spoke of the home in Bethany where Jesus loved to go, and appealed to the parents to make their homes such as to meet the approval of the Heavenly Father - he who has prepared a home on high and expects us, as his children, to gather there. "No home can be happy," said the speaker, "unless its inmates are healthy. Our homes should stand for clean living and we should at all times be at the highest point of efficiency. I am looking for the time when we shall consult our physicians on how to keep well instead of how to get well. In the ideal home, there is moral as well as physical health. Parents should continually lead their children into the principles laid down by Jesus Christ. In proportion as we read the Bible and instill its principles into our children, our homes will be happy. How can we know unless we read? How can our children know unless they are instructed? There are some things going on in this town that should be stopped. The worst thing I have heard since I have been here was a volley of oaths from the lips of a fourteen year old boy on the playground. Whose fault is it? It is because they have never been taught that God's name should never be taken in vain. Will you ever realize, parents, that you must direct the play of your children and teach them the great definition of right and wrong?"

"There should be a spiritual atmosphere in every home and Jesus Christ should be the best friend in that home. To see written on memory's pages the godly life of father and mother is the greatest heritage one can have. The most serious thing in the world to do, is to hold your hearthstone sacred. "There should be in every home children. Through this means the bonds between husband and wife are cemented. There should exist between husband and wife, compatibility; there should be absolute candor as regards the running expenses of the home. How can the wife know what to spend unless she knows something about the husband's business obligations? She earns the living just as well as the husband who goes down town to earn the money. In the ideal home the husband has absolute confidence in his wife. Consult your wife, advise with her, she will tell you the right thing to do, she won't be wrong half as many times as you are. There should also be an atmosphere of friendship in the home. Every father and mother should cooperate among themselves and their children, they should also have absolute respect for each one of their children. What a tragedy when parents do not have the time or the desire to make friends and companions of their children! Fathers, your boys will respect you more if you will play with them, take an interest in their games, and talk with them about the things they are interested in."

"Parents should not coerce their children into any certain calling or profession. Find out what they like best and encourage them to do their best in that. "In the home in Bethany, sorrow reigned but Jesus dispelled it. How sweet to know that Jesus will come into our homes and hearts and lives and pour out the balm of his love into our wounded spirits. "Let us make our homes ideal homes, with physical health, moral righteousness and with a spiritual atmosphere where God will put his seal of approval and where Jesus reigns supreme."

Reasonable.

Two young women who had recently become proud mothers, were earnestly discussing the question of milk for infants, when the younger of the mothers asked:

"Do you believe in one cow's milk, Ethel?"

"Well," returned the other, with the excessively patronizing air of one who knows it all, "that depends a great deal on the child. If it's a good, strong, healthy baby and wants it I'd give it two cows' milk; but it does certainly seem that any ordinary infant wouldn't need more than one cow could furnish."

"The meek shall inherit the earth" - and when they do, we hope they'll not want to make the rest of us get off. - Ex.

If we could only live on the advice that others give us, the high cost of living would lose its sting.

TWO COLD DAYS

Correspondent Writes That Wednesday Morning Was Coldest, But Thursday Beat It - Wingate News Items.

(By O. P. Timist.)

Wingate, Oct. 11.-Lowest temperature for this season, in this vicinity. Frost appeared in some places but too light to damage anything.

Mrs. Calvin Nash returned home Tuesday from a two days' visit to her sister, Mrs. Addie Eason, of Monroe. Mrs. Eason had just returned from a trip to Baltimore to visit her brother, Mr. James Agerton, and doubtless had much of interest to her sister to talk about.

A correction: Miss Nell Eard of Polkton spent the week-end with Ellie Bivens and not with the family of Mr. Lee Chaney, as it appeared in my last letter.

Mr. Luther Nash of Hamlet is on a visit to the family of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Calvin Nash.

Mighty fine time to sow oats. Everything terrestrial and selesstial is just right. Let every farmer put in a full crop of this valuable feed stuff this fall. No danger of glutting the market with choice oats, never.

Well, I must stop here and rest till morning. Thursday morning, Oct. 12.-Coldest this fall. Almost, if not quite, a killing frost. Unusually early for Jack's annual visit. Last year he appeared in full force on the 16th of November. When everything was killed outright.

According to my diary this October has been a fair duplicate of last. Record says the month was unusually fine and mild. The same conditions existing to the middle of November. How easily we forget about the weather. If this cool snap is general over the cotton belt, doubtless the "bulls" will get in some fine work on cotton prices. Maybe the 20 cent mark will be reached.

Speaking of high prices, perhaps there are but few people living who have any definite idea of the range of cotton prices from first to last of the history of its cultivation. The first crop of which we have any record was that of the year 1791, and was 8,889 bales and brought 26 cents per pound. In 1864 the crop numbered 145,000 bales, the lowest price for that crop was 68 cents and the highest price reached was \$1.89 per pound. In 1842 and in 1845 cotton brought the lowest price of which we have any data, that was 5 cents per pound. From the above dates the price never fell under 6 cents till 1908 when it sold for 5 cents as the minimum. High prices of the staple makes the old farmer feel good to be sure, but I believe that abnormally high prices have been hurtful in their effects on the interests, best indeed, of the Southern farmers and planters. Still will all take the big price and raise it.

Mr. and Mrs. B. D. Austin left Wednesday to be at the bedside of Mrs. Adaline Caraway, who is dangerously ill at the home of her son, Mr. Joseph Caraway. Mrs. Caraway is sister to Mesdames B. D. Austin and H. P. Meigs of Wingate.

Thanks to my friends for the nice letters and words they send me.

How to Make the Crossing Safe.

To the Editor of the Journal:

I would like to make a suggestion to the honorable Board of Aldermen and also the Seaboard railroad officials through the Journal in regard to the crossing that leads from town to the Icemorlee mill, better known as the G. C. & N. crossing, where the recent serious accidents happened. To take all the element of danger away from this crossing is a very simple and inexpensive thing to do.

Just have the aldermen to pass an ordinance requiring all trains and engines to flag over this crossing, that is come to a stop and have a man (one of the crew of the train) to proceed train or engine over this crossing warning anybody about to cross. This would work no hardship or expense on the railroad as they already carry enough men on each train to do the flagging with, and at the same time render this crossing as safe or safer than any other crossing in the county. - E. P. Unum, Esq.

Price's Mill News.

Correspondence of The Journal.

Price's Mill, Oct. 12.-Miss Ola Craig of Charlotte spent the latter part of last week visiting Mr. K. C. Craig.

Mrs. Clent Davis spent some time with Mrs. R. A. Rallings last week. Misses Nancy Little and Minnie Underwood visited at Mr. M. F. Craig's Friday.

Miss Cora Little went out to the wood pile one day last week to assist in preparing wood for winter and a very serious accident occurred. The wood slipped and she sawed her finger.

Mr. R. A. Rallings is some better at this writing.

Rev. Mr. Stowe conducted prayer meeting at his home Sunday night.

Miss Mary Craig of Charlotte is spending a while with relatives in and around Price's Mill this week.

Miss Eula Craig spent some time in South Carolina last week.

There will be a rally at Siler church Sunday. Everybody come and bring baskets.

A Ford auto flew off the handle one morning last week and gave Mr. DeWitt Craig a very hard lick on the forehead.

Mrs. Lella Craig returned home from Charlotte Monday.

The board of strategy is the kind you get at a poor boarding-house.

INDIAN TRAIL NEWS

Mr. Haywood to Be Married - Take a Crack at Corn Cracker - Epworth League Organized With Good Officers.

Correspondence of The Journal.

Indian Trail, Oct. 10.-Mr. J. W. Rawlings spent a part of today in Monroe on a business expedition.

Rev. M. H. Vestal and his son, Frank Vestal, came over to the home of the writer and took dinner Sunday.

Miss Wilma Harkey had a hair breath escape on Wednesday last week, while driving along the Monroe and Charlotte road. An automobile passed the mule which she was driving and the mule dashed off at almost lightning speed. When the mule stopped it commenced kicking and before the case was completed, the shafts of the buggy were badly mangled. No one was hurt, unless the mule brought it upon itself while kicking.

Mr. Rufus Houston of Matthews spent Sunday visiting Mr. Samuel Lemmond.

Mr. Carl Crowell of Aberdeen will leave today for his work there. As was reported in my previous letter, he has been spending several weeks at home in Matthews on account of an affliction on his left shoulder which has been removed.

Our Epworth League, which was organized in the Methodist church two weeks ago, had its first meeting last Sunday and it is so far proving a great success. We have as our officers some of the leading young people of this town and we hope that we may soon be doing a great work along the lines which may be laid out for the members by the leaders of the organization.

Mr. J. M. Tomberlin has returned from the Charlotte Sanatorium, where he has been almost confined for about three weeks.

Dear Corn Cracker: It was a great surprise to the Indian Trail people to hear of the great misfortune which Dr. T. L. Helms fell victim of on Sunday, Oct. 1st, while trying to catch a chicken for dinner. He must have undoubtedly had a long nose since you said that he peeled a place on it about three feet long. If it was only a place on his nose that long, please tell us folks up here how long it really is and I shall indeed be glad to gather a Ford load and see him. Although we hope that the wound is healing rapidly.

Miss Mary Austin of west Vance has just returned from a five weeks stay, visiting relatives and friends in Moore county.

Little Miss Josa May Laney returned Friday from a visit to her father, Mr. Will Laney, of Osceola, S. C.

Mr. and Mrs. Melton Gurley of Stouts spent Sunday in the home of their son, Mr. John Gurley.

Your scribe just received the news over the wire that the Rev. A. B. Haywood, of this place, is to be married on Wednesday, Oct. 18, at or near the home of his bride, who lives in the vicinity of Union Grove, but the name of the bride is unknown as yet. "May his plans be carried out to their fullest extent" is our word of encouragement to him.

Mr. Henry Broom of Charlotte is visiting in the home of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Broom.

Mr. J. W. Rawlings says that he is doing better ginning than ever before, though he always gave satisfaction. - Sir John.

Personal and Local About Unionville

Correspondence of The Journal.

Unionville, Oct. 12.-Here is Wild Rose, dear Schoolgirl. I have been so busy for the last few weeks I have not been able to send in any news. I am very sorry that Pad has left us again but I think you can fill his place very successfully.

Mrs. C. B. Russell and granddaughter, Miss Meral Stamey, have returned from a two weeks' visit among friends and relatives in Laurinburg.

Messrs. Dan Smith and Claude Benton have returned from Charlotte where they have been clerking at Efrids' during the summer.

Mr. Otto Clontz of Charlotte spent the week-end with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. M. Clontz, near here.

Mr. L. E. Griffin and nieces, Misses Raymelle Purser and Ruby Tomberlin, motored to Charlotte last Saturday.

Mr. A. A. Secrest has returned from visiting his children, Mrs. Chas. Hamilton and Dr. John R. Secrest, at Winston-Salem.

Mr. Sylvester Price, who is attending school at Davidson, visited his parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. Ashley Price, Saturday night and Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. D. L. Furr and family of Indian Trail route 1, visited the family of Mr. W. A. Keziah Sunday afternoon. They were accompanied home by their niece, Wild Rose, who spent Sunday night and Monday with them. I attended prayer meeting at Union Grove and there I had the privilege of meeting Rosebud, very unexpectedly. I have met several of the correspondents this summer and wish very much that I might meet the rest of "our family."

A very severe wind followed by almost a rain storm visited this section Monday night.

Mr. W. A. Keziah and family attended the funeral of Mr. Keziah's aunt, Mrs. Barry Medlin, who lived about two miles southeast of Monroe, Tuesday, Mrs. Medlin died Monday. She was well known to the writer and she extends her heartfelt sympathy to the bereaved family. - Wild Rose.

The woman of the hour is one who says she will be ready in a minute.

FARM LOAN BOARD HEARING

The Board Will Sit in Raleigh This Month For the Purpose of Getting Information as to Locations of Bank - Money Will Be Ready Early Next Year.

A hearing of great importance to the farmers and farm organizations of North Carolina will be held at Raleigh on October 24th by the Federal Farm Loan Board.

This hearing is for the purpose of getting information to guide the Board in determining the boundaries of the twelve Federal Land Bank districts into which the country is to be divided for the administration of the new rural credits law, known as the Federal Farm Loan Act. The session will be held in the federal building at Raleigh.

The members of the Federal Farm Loan Board who will conduct this hearing are Hon. William G. McAdoo, Secretary of the Treasury, George W. Norris, Farm Loan Commissioner, Herbert Quick, Captain W. S. A. Smith, and Charles E. Lobdel.

The Board has issued an invitation to all farmers and farm organizations of North Carolina attend this hearing to get information about the operation of the Farm Loan Act, and to furnish the Board with information about the farm loan needs of the state. It has also asked interested cities to present their claims for the location of one of the twelve Federal Land Banks.

Farmers will be asked to give information regarding the prevailing rates of interest on first mortgage loans; the difficulty of getting extensions; the rate of commissions charged; the development of farms as affected by credit; farm tenantry as affected by the ability of tenants to borrow; and any other fact that will give the Board an understanding of the farm needs of the state.

The new Federal Farm Loan Act provides a way for the farmer or prospective farmer to borrow money on long time mortgages at actual cost. The government provides the machinery for assembling capital to be loaned to farm owners or prospective farm owners. The loans may run up to 50 per cent of the value of the land used as security and 20 per cent of the value of the improvements. The loans will be made at a low rate of interest not yet determined, but it will be less than 6 per cent. Provision is made for the borrower to pay off the debt, interest, and principal through periods of from five to forty years, at his own option.

The legislation is expected to prove a great boon to those sections of the country where farm development has been retarded because of high interest rates, and it is predicted that it will tend to make agricultural prosperity permanent and uniform, stabilize and equalize interest rates, and greatly improve the condition of the farmer.

The nation-wide interest in the provisions of the bill is indicated by the fact that more than 100,000 inquiries have come to the Treasury Department for information about it. Secretary McAdoo predicts that the banks will be established and ready to make loans early in 1917.

News From Weddington.

Correspondence of The Journal.

Weddington, Oct. 10.-Mrs. John Killough of Providence spent Tuesday in the village.

Miss Lizzie Morrison of Charlotte is spending some time with her niece, Mrs. E. W. Thomas.

Miss Annie Harkey of Indian Trail is visiting her sister, Mrs. Will Hemby.

Miss H. M. Thomas of Charlotte is spending the week with relatives in the village.

Rev. and Mrs. Richardson and Miss Beulah Price attended the Gaston county fair at Gastonia last Friday.

Messrs. Jessie Kanupp of Fort Mill and Frank McManus of Rock Hill spent Sunday with Mr. Ervin Short.

Mr. M. J. Harkey spent the week-end with friends near Charlotte.

Miss Pearl Hill left Saturday for Charlotte where she will spend the winter with her aunt, Mrs. J. H. Tomberlin.

Miss Carrie Ray spent Saturday and Sunday in Charlotte.

Mrs. Pearl Hood, Messrs. V. S. Hunter and Audrey Deal motored to Charlotte Saturday.

Misses Ola and Hallie Hemby visited in Providence Sunday.

Mr. O. L. Hemby of Indian Trail spent Sunday with home folks.

Little Miss Annie Glenn Hill who broke her arm from a severe fall last Friday afternoon, is improving rapidly.

School begins here Monday, the sixteenth of October. - Weddington.

Still a Record Bale.

Pageland Journal.

Mr. Blakeney evidently had not seen an account of that big bale we reported last week, which was grown by Mr. C. L. Campbell, the man who died in the Hamlet hospital Sunday morning, and bought by McGregor & Raley at \$262.89 for the lint and about \$30.00 for the seed. This is indeed the record bale, and Jefferson and Union county might as well hang up the fiddle and throw away the bow.

[Mr. Campbell died from the effect of a fall from his horse at Ruby.]

Seems So, Sometimes.

"I don't think women have always been vain. You know women were made before mirrors," said Mrs. Vainly.

"And they've been before them ever since," snapped her husband.

THE NEEDS OF THE SOUL

Rev. Mr. Osborne Says That Spiritual Things Are More Important Than Any Other - Good Sermon in Monroe on Sunday.

Rev. M. A. Osborne of Prospect preached an excellent sermon in Central Methodist church Sunday morning to a large congregation. His subject was the Feeding of the Five Thousand and the lesson was forty verses from the sixth chapter of St. John.

The speaker told of how Jesus had been pressed by the throng and how he took his disciples and went into a desert place. Thousands followed them however, and as the day began to wear away the disciples asked Jesus to send the crowd away. But he said, "No, give ye them to eat," to which they replied, "two hundred pennyworth of bread is not sufficient. There is a lad here with two barley loaves and two small fishes; but what are they among so many?" But Jesus said, "make the men sit down" and there he performed the miracle of feeding the five thousand with the five loaves and two fishes, which caused the people to say "surely this is the great prophet that should come into the world." They were about ready to take him by force and make him a king. But he went up into a mountain to pray.

"Some truths drawn from these facts," said the speaker, "are, first, though Jesus and his disciples were tired and hungry and were seeking rest, Jesus' heart went out in sympathy to these people. He turned aside from his much-needed rest to help them. We sometimes say we are too tired to attend prayer-meeting, or Sunday school, after working hard at our business, we think it will make no difference to the multitude if we stay at home and rest. But, suppose the boy with the loaves and fishes had stayed at home, Jesus could have turned the sand into bread but he preferred to use human instrumentality - and the boy would have missed a blessing. It is our business and mine to be at our post of duty with all that we have that God may use it."

"We are safe only as we follow in service the example set by Christ. He came to do his best for the world and not to get the best out of the world. Christ had to spend a great deal of time to convince the people that he wanted to help them, and not from a selfish motive. He did not claim that the world owed him a living, but did everything without hope of reward. Jesus provided this supper for the people to show them that he was able and willing to satisfy their deeper wants - their soul-hunger, saying 'I am the Bread of Life.' The one consuming desire of Jesus was to show them that he came supplied with the things that they needed; yet they stood aloof wondering whether they should have anything to do with him. Do we not so today? They did not realize their great privilege - do we? The trouble is we do not yield to Christ, we do not trust him fully, we do not believe in him as the divine son of God. These people were more concerned about their physical needs than their spiritual. Isn't that our trouble today? The farmer is more interested in his harvest, the lawyer in his case, the manufacturer in his goods, than they are in spiritual things. It is infinitely wiser to give consideration to the needs of the soul. This life is not all and we go out into a larger world, where life is bounded by eternity."

"Any problem of life where Christ is left out must fail of the right answer. The disciples made this mistake - trying to work out the problem of feeding so many people on such a small amount of food. But when multiplied by the Master's power it was sufficient. If the young man leaves God out of his calculations, God must of necessity leave him out of Heaven. If his highest ambition is wealth, what profiteth it him if he lose his soul? We never do anything so unbusinesslike as when we leave God out of our calculations. Is it any wonder we often fail? Should it be hard for us to believe that he is interested in us? He is that invincible friend that sticketh closer than a brother, closer than hands and feet, yea, than breathing itself."

Who provided the loaves and fishes for the boy? It might have been a sister or a friend, but we would rather believe it was his mother. God bless the good mothers in Israel today who are more interested in this than anything else. When you teach your boy to pray, "Now I lay me down to sleep, you are preparing for that child a loaf and a fish that Jesus may use in later years. This work of preparing the children is for the mothers to do. May God help the mothers to be more interested in this than in getting the vote."

Jesus used the lad and all he had in the performing of the miracle. The little boy feels that it is an honor to work with his father, and it is an honor to us that we are permitted to work with our Heavenly Father.

Give me a place, an humble place, beside my Lord in satisfying the spiritual hunger of the multitude and I shall be happy and content.

Humorous.

"Now," said a teacher to her class in English, "can anyone give me a word ending in ous, meaning full of, as dangerous, full of danger; hazardous, full of hazard?"

There was silence for several minutes, then a small boy raised his hand.

"Well," encouraged the teacher, "what is your word?"

"Pious, full of pie," was the answer.